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AT MAMMOTH CAVE.

Interesting Letter from Miss Josephine Lindley.

The following letter from Miss Josephine Lindley was received the first of the week, after Miss Lindley and Miss Erhart had visited this historic spot:

* * * Mammoth Cave was fine. We got to the hotel about 12:30 p. m. on the little railroad that goes from Glasgow Junction up to the hotel. The car and engine were built before the war and haven't been painted since, nor has the hotel. It is not the thing to assist nature to preserve things at Mammoth Cave. The hotel rambles all over the top of the hill in a style of architecture all its own, and the rooms are cold and damp. They reminded me very forcibly of the ones I slept in in England last summer. After an indifferent dinner we made up the sleep we had lost on the journey, and at 7 p. m. started in blower suits for the cave down a lonely winding path. The women all looked very picturesque in their suits, but the men were a sight. Foot ball teams were not in it for looks. Everything was so dark that we didn't get any idea of the size of the opening of the cave until the next morning. The atmosphere inside was decidedly chilly to Floridians, but by keeping on the move we kept from growing stiff. The greater part of the cave is only interesting because of account of its size, and we were disappointed in finding so few stalactites, and none of them of the white, shiny kind. All along the passages are piles of rocks for the different States, associations and orders, and as each person comes to his State or order he is supposed to add another rock to the pile.

Every once in a while the guide would throw pieces of burning cotton up on the ledges to light up some especially large part or deep pit, and occasionally he would have a white calcium light burning, which gave the finest effect of all. The bottomless pit was a great sight as the burning rays went floating down, down 350 feet under the earth's surface. At one place the guide took all our lights and left us sitting on benches in the dark while he went around by a small passage for some distance that curved around, and finally came back into the one we were in, to give us all an imitation of the rising of the sun, with the chickens crowing, dogs barking, cats meowing and spitting, etc., which made me think of that song the Stetson quartette used to sing; although our guide couldn't come up to Mr. Sharp in imitating fighting cats. It was very interesting, though, and the few minutes we were left in darkness so thick that we felt as if we could cut great chunks out of it gave one a better idea of the immensity of the cave and its possibilities than anything else.

Another one of the guide's stunts was to go off a short distance from us where two passages intersected and setting off his calcium lights in such a way that we seemed to see a glowing white statue—the guide said of Martha Washington, but my imagination was not educated up to that point. It was very pretty and interesting just the same.

We came out at 11 p. m. without any mishap other than that I was almost lost in my suit several times. They are all made large enough for several people of my size to get into

at once. We had walked seven miles, but were not at all tired. We started in again at 9 o'clock the next morning and took as much of the long route as we could and got out in time to take the 3 p. m. train for the Junction. It was even more interesting than the night before, and we had a very fat man in the party whose suit could not begin to get around him, and we almost had hysterics just looking at him. He was intensely funny in getting through "Fat Man's Misery," which was a very narrow path winding through the rocks for quite a way and so low that even I couldn't stand up in it. The ride on Echo river was up to the mark also, and the singing of the guide and the darkey who carried our lunch was very pretty. After our lunch, which we ate at tables several hundred feet under the surface, we retraced our steps for part of the way until we came to Bandits' Cave, which was exceedingly wild, and then branched off into the passage leading to Mammoth Dome; that was the best of all, the rocks going 250 feet above our heads and over 100 feet below us. The sides of the dome were simply magnificent. The rocks had been doing all sorts of stunts and had twisted themselves into beautiful pillars—maiden hair and molasses candy effects. The passage leading from Bandits' Cave into Mammoth Cave was very satisfactory, and in one part came very near being dangerous, and the corkscrew leading out of Bandits' Cave into the main cave was really fine. We had to be pulled, pushed and twisted around by the guide to get through some of the places, but it was so exciting we were all sorry when we got out. How the fat man was got through without leaving his skin behind is still a mystery to the party.

As we came near the entrance the sunlight looked like moonlight, very gradually the colors of the grass, leaves and earth appeared, making one of the prettiest pictures I ever saw. When we reached the top of the steps and turned away from the current of cold air coming out of the cave the heat seemed simply suffocating. I haven't told you about a lot of things in the cave, but will have to leave them for the time.

Ried Makes 25 Straight.

Record-breaking scores were made at the Gun Club shoot Friday afternoon. Nine gentlemen entered for the regular shoot, making scores as follows:

Ried	5	5	5	5	5	25
Codrington	5	4	5	5	4	23
Woodward	5	5	4	4	4	22
Powder	4	4	4	4	4	19
Powe	3	2	4	4	2	15
Berry	1	3	3	4	4	15
Bigelow	1	2	3	1	4	11
MacDiarmid	1	0	5	2	2	10
McBride	2	2	0	1	0	5

J. H. Paxton made 4 out of 10, and John Vinzant 7 out of 15. These were the best scores ever made by the present club, and have awakened considerable interest. Quite a number of spectators were present, and had numerous suggestions to make. The shoots are held at the golf grounds on South Boulevard every Friday afternoon, and everyone is welcome to them.

A shoot will be held this afternoon, weather permitting, at 3 o'clock.

A medal will be bought by the club, to be carried each week by the person making the highest score. No one will be allowed to wear it longer than three successive weeks.

Local and Personal Briefs

The best line of fruit in town can be found at Alcott's.

City Council will meet in regular session Monday night.

Mr. Joe Conrad was in town yesterday for a short time.

Fresh Fish every Tuesday and Thursday at Alcott's.

Mr. S. B. Wright spent a few days this week at New Smyrna.

Miss Annie Pattillo of Osteen is the guest of Miss Quackenbush.

Mr. Gus Dreka left on Monday for a short trip to the fair at St. Louis.

A number of young people attended a dance at Lake Helen Monday night.

Mrs. E. S. Carlie went over to Osteen Tuesday for a stay of two weeks.

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City Engineer Scott Hodgkins visited New Smyrna the first of the week.

Ask for Brill's No. 1974 children's hose—best for money—12 to 17 cents per pair.

Rev. Addyman Smith and family will return home from Coronado on Saturday.

A merry party of young people enjoyed a dance at the Aquatic Club Friday evening last.

Mrs. Alexander arrived from Orlando on Tuesday to visit her son, Mr. James E. Alexander.

Miss Irene Bennett left on Sunday for St. Augustine, to visit her sister, Mrs. Leonora McLendon.

Nine white and two colored applicants for teachers' certificates took the examination this week.

Mr. S. W. Johnston spent a few days with his family at Tallulah Falls, Ga., returning home on Monday.

Clean up your premises. DeLand should be made, this year, prettier and cleaner than ever before.

Mr. W. L. Sims of Ft. Pierce was over last Sunday visiting one of DeLand's charming young ladies.

Mr. S. V. Hough has rented the Lantry house on North Boulevard, with the privilege of purchase.

Miss Julia Stith came South with her brother-in-law, S. A. Wood, and will spend the winter in DeLand.

"Sarsaparilla Brew," the great health drink, cool, refreshing, can be obtained in bottles at Alcott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morris have rented the Lockard house on New York avenue and opened a boarding house.

Eddie Poeser has accepted a position in Fisher's Drug store, compounding soda water and washing bottles.

Mrs. J. B. Law and daughter, Miss Susie, went to Brooksville Friday for a short visit to Mrs. Heidick and family.

Mrs. Burgess went up to Huntington last Saturday for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Bradlock.

The DeLand branch of Loring Camp, U. D. C., will meet with Miss Lawrie at 2:30 p. m., on Monday, the 12th.

Mr. J. E. Coen and family will be home sooner than they expected, and will open the Winter Home about the 20th.

Mr. G. I. Taber of Glen St. Mary spent several days at Melrose this week. Mr. Taber is the well-known nurseryman.

Mrs. Belle Coulter and daughters have returned home, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. J. E. Stillman and family in Pensacola.

Mrs. Corrine Stephens and little daughter are down from Jacksonville for a few days, visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Frank S. Sams came over from New Smyrna Tuesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mann, on South Boulevard.

Mr. Owen Whitcombe, of THE NEWS office, spent several days in St. Augustine, where the State troops are encamped, the first of the week.

Mr. Ted Heimburger left on Monday for St. Louis, where he will visit the fair, and then go to Kansas City, Mo., at which place he has accepted a position.

Agent Powe will take his vacation beginning on Sunday. He goes to Boston to visit Mrs. Powe and will then make a short trip to other points of interest.

Mrs. R. P. Moore and Mrs. W. C. Cannon and children, of DeLand, registered at the Times-Union Bureau at the world's fair, St. Louis, this week.

George Taratus, who has been in Jacksonville the past year, returned to DeLand the first of the week, and is again at work for the DeLand Telephone Company.

An important meeting of the Public School Improvement Society will be held at the school building next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. M. Davis completes his duties in New York next week, and before returning home will visit his sisters in Greensboro, N. C., and Gainesville, Ala., and his brother, Herman Davis, at New Orleans.

Mr. W. C. Watts and family are expected home from Kentucky next week. Ethel Watts, who was sick with typhoid fever, is now much better and will come home with her parents.

There will be service at the First M. E. church, next Sunday, morning and evening. The pastor will preach at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Epworth league at 6:45 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Miss Adlie Davis entertained a few friends Tuesday evening.

An informal dance was given at the Putnam last evening by the younger set.

Miss Myrtle Davis entertained a number of friends informally Wednesday evening.

Miss Neal, Miss Freeman, and Mrs. Alice Wilson go to St. Louis next week for a short vacation.

Miss Fanny Wood gave a pleasant "At Home" yesterday for her guest, Miss Lennie Ender of Tampa.

Saturday will be Jewish New Year, and the store of M. Davis will be closed till 5:30 in the evening.

Mrs. A. H. Woodall and little daughter have returned home from Goodall, where they spent several weeks.

Prof. J. Archie Smith went to Jacksonville this week to meet his mother and wife, who were returning from a trip North.

Rev. J. E. Oates returned from his vacation on Thursday, and will resume services at the Baptist church on Sunday. Mrs. Oates remained in Fernandina for a short visit before coming home.

The young folk declare that they are going to have a big time at a dance in Lake Helen Monday evening. Lake Helen, it appears, is becoming a mecca for dancing parties.

O. F. Fish received a telegram Wednesday announcing the death of his mother at her home in Oberlin, Ohio. Mrs. Fish was 84 years of age. She leaves besides O. F. Fish of DeLand, two other sons and three daughters.

Services on Sunday at the Baptist church will be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. E. Oates, will preach both morning and evening. Bible school, 10 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:45 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

E. P. Oates, who spent the summer with his parents in the mountains of Tennessee, returned to DeLand on Friday, spent a day or two here, and then went to Orlando, where he will assist in shipping his father's pineapple crop.

A game of baseball between the Kids—Charlie Allen's size—and the old team will take place on Thursday, the receipts to be divided between the school fund and the ball team. Come out and root for the Kids.

Mr. R. E. Cobb, general agent for the Guarantee Redemption company of Atlanta spent several days at Melrose this week. Mr. Cobb, who is a fine cornetist, led the DeLand Band Tuesday night and will lead again tonight (Friday).

Miss Mattie Mix, who spent several weeks at Miami and West Palm Beach, returned to DeLand on Friday, and on Saturday left for Langren, where she will teach the public school this season. Her father and sisters have rented C. O. Codrington's cottage on North Boulevard, and will return to DeLand in time for the opening of the University.

A merry lunch party is on the tapis for tonight. W. B. Burgess is host from DeLand to Breesford. When the party arrives at his hotel, on the romantic shores of Breesford, R. H. Boyd will proceed to do the honors, as engineer and host. A moonlight ride will be taken, and then supper will be prepared. Gus Allen has been elected cook. Ward Gould has most generously donated the use of his picnic coffee-pot for the occasion.

Must be Sold—Fifteen acres in the city of Lake Helen, six acres of which are specially adapted for strawberries and Irish potatoes, as is proved by their wonderful growth. On the upland are 150 orange and pomelo trees, several of which are laden with fruit; over 100 peach trees of finest varieties, which have sold higher than any in this market; a valuable fruit business already established on this farm in the best market in Volusia county. On this property is a six room house, packing house, stable, poultry houses, etc. Price only \$1,000. Apply to E. H. Hayward, agent, DeLand, Fla.

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County Fathers' Monthly Session

THE Board of County Commissioners met on Monday. Present, Chairman Frank E. Bond, Commissioners Brooke, Rodgers and Murray, and Benj. Fish, deputy clerk. Road and bridge reports were made as follows:

District No. 1. Repairs to bridges on Osteen and New Smyrna road; two miles of sawdust laid on Titusville road.

Nos. 2 and 3. No report.

No. 4. Repairs to Kingston and Port Orange road; Tomoka road brushed.

No. 5. Progress on Daytona and New Smyrna road.

Bond of J. R. Wetherell as supervisor of registration was approved.

A communication was read from Jacksonville, asking that Volusia county pay pro rata of cost of suit wherein the state is to reimburse each county for the amount paid witnesses before grand jury; no action was taken.

A communication from the Hercules Mfg. Co., with reference to a stump puller for use on the county roads, was read and filed.

A petition was received from citizens of DeLand asking that the road from here to Lake Helen be paved.

Matter was held over, until roadbed can be repaired.

Commissioner Bond was appointed a committee of one to confer with the commissioners of Orange county with regard to the proposed road connecting the two counties.

Criminal court cost bills, amounting to \$217.05, were approved and warrants drawn in payment of same.

The report of the treasurer for the month of August was examined and approved. The report showed balances on hand as follows:

General revenue fund \$10,335.89

Road and bridge fund 1,012.22

Fine and forfeiture fund 2,425.39

Total cash on hand \$13,773.50

A large number of warrants were then drawn in payment of current bills, and the board adjourned.

Every indication points to a good season at DeLand this year.

Mr. O. H. Voss, manager of the Seminole Hotel, who has been at his home near Enterprise, Fla., for several weeks, returned Tuesday evening.

Mr. Voss was much pleased to note the growth his trees had made during his absence. This is especially true of the peach trees of which he has a large number, and will set out more, when the season suits. West Palm Beach News.

For Rent—Furnished Rooms, either for school or tourist season; electric lights and bath. J. H. Gentry, Rich avenue.

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DAVIS-VINZANT.

Happy Marriage of Two of DeLand's Popular Young People.

At the home of the bride's parents, County Treasurer and Mrs. J. J. Vinzant, Wednesday evening, a very pretty marriage took place, when their daughter, Leonora Elsie, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Joseph Hamilton Davis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Mickler, in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties, Miss Addie Vinzant, sister of the bride, and Miss Clara Quackenbush acted as bridesmaids, and the nuptial knot was tied under an arch of evergreens.

The bride was dressed in white silk, with a very handsome hand-made yoke, and carried a bunch of roses. She had orange blossoms in her hair—something rather unusual for this time of year.

Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

The happy young couple were the recipients of numerous beautiful and useful presents.

They immediately went to house-keeping in rooms in J. T. Dunbar's residence on North Boulevard.

THE NEWS joins their many other friends in wishing them all the joys and few of the sorrows of "double blessedness."

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